

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) A control server for controlling a first apparatus and a second apparatus, both of the first apparatus and the second apparatus providing sound output, said control server comprising:

 a communication unit configured to receive, from the first apparatus, a notification signal, the notification signal including information indicating (i) that a level of sound output of the first apparatus has changed, and (ii) the level of sound output of the first apparatus; and
 an operating unit configured to

 (i) determine, upon the communication unit receiving the notification signal from the first apparatus, whether or not to change a level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus, according to the level of sound output of the first apparatus and a distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus, and

 (ii) change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus when said operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus,

 wherein the operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus when (i) the level of sound output of the first apparatus is above a first predetermined threshold and (ii) the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus is below a second predetermined threshold.

34. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 33, wherein

said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section operable to acquire location related information which indicates the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus.

35. (Previously Presented) A control server for controlling a first apparatus and a second apparatus, both of the first apparatus and the second apparatus providing sound output, said control server comprising:

 a communication unit configured to receive, from the first apparatus, a notification signal, the notification signal including information indicating that a state of power of the first apparatus has changed; and

 an operating unit configured to

 (i) determine, upon the communication unit receiving the notification signal from the first apparatus, whether or not to change a level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus, according to the state of power of the first apparatus and a distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus, and

 (ii) change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus when said operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn off the second apparatus,

 wherein said operating unit decreases the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turns off the second apparatus when (i) the information included in the notification signal indicates that the first apparatus has turned on, and (ii) the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus is below a predetermined threshold.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously Presented) A control server for controlling a first apparatus and a second apparatus, both of the first apparatus and the second apparatus providing sound output, said control server comprising:

 a communication unit configured to receive, from the first apparatus, a notification signal, the notification signal including information indicating that a state of power of the first apparatus has changed; and

 an operating unit configured to

 (i) determine, upon the communication unit receiving the notification signal from the first apparatus, whether or not to change a level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn on the second apparatus, according to the state of power of the first apparatus and a distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus, and

 (ii) change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn on the second apparatus when said operating unit determines to change the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turn on the second apparatus,

 wherein said operating unit increases the level of sound output of the second apparatus or turns on the second apparatus when (i) the information included in the notification signal indicates that the first apparatus has turned off, and (ii) the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus is below a predetermined threshold.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 35, wherein said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section operable to acquire location related information which indicates the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus.

40. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 37, wherein said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section operable to acquire location related information which indicates the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus.

41. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 33, wherein said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section operable to acquire location related information which indicates a location of the first apparatus and a location of the second apparatus, and
said operating section is operable to determine the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus based on the location of the first apparatus and the location of the second apparatus.

42. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 35, wherein said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section operable to acquire location related information which indicates a location of the first apparatus and a location of the second apparatus, and

said operating section is operable to determine the distance between the first apparatus and the second apparatus based on the location of the first apparatus and the location of the second apparatus.

43. (Previously Presented) The control server according to claim 37, wherein
 said control server further includes a location related information acquiring section
operable to acquire location related information which indicates a location of the first apparatus
and a location of the second apparatus, and
 said operating section is operable to determine the distance between the first apparatus
and the second apparatus based on the location of the first apparatus and the location of the
second apparatus.